

Green Tips

Your curbside trash day is also your recycling day. Please place commingled material in your blue recycling bin and mixed papers/cardboard - in a paper bag next to recycling bin.

IN RECYCLE BIN: Glass bottles, metal cans, plastic containers (#1-7), milk and juice cans as well as paper cartons,

OUTSIDE RECYCLE BIN: Mixed Paper and Cardboard: Newspapers, unwanted mail, envelopes, magazines etc. may be placed in a paper bag. *(Cardboard must be flattened cut and tied in approximate of 2'x2' size.)*

Shredded paper or excess recycling can be kept on the curb in clear / transparent plastic bags (separate bags for paper and commingle)

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS for Recycling: Plastic bags, Styrofoam, pizza boxes.

Rejection Policy:

Recycling items kept in plastic bags (exception: shredded papers in clear transparent bags), recycling bins containing both papers and commingle or containing non recyclable items will be rejected and a sticker will be placed detailing the correct procedure.

REMEMBER: FOR PAPER, IF IT RIPS, YOU CAN RECYCLE

Tips to Save Energy Today

Install a programmable thermostat

Use compact fluorescent light bulbs with the ENERGY STAR® label.

Air dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.

Turn off your computer and monitor when not in use.

Lower the thermostat on your hot water heater to 120°F.

Drive sensibly. Aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration and braking) wastes gasoline.

Plug home electronics, into power strips; turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use.

Energy Efficiency Retrofit

To take advantage of NStar's Energy Efficiency programs including rebates on several products, visit www.nstar.com or review the information in your utility Bill.

Solar Panels and Green Roofs present exciting opportunities to save energy and reduce your carbon footprint. Before installing a Solar Panel or Green Roof, please visit City's Inspectional Service Division (ISD) at 1 Franey Road to understand the permitting process as required by the Massachusetts Building Code.



2010

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE GUIDE



Mayor Joseph A Curtatone

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Mayor's Message

Fellow Somerville Residents:

Welcome to the 2010 City of Somerville Environmental Service Guide!

This Guide contains important information on the variety of environmental services that the City provides to residents and businesses – ranging from recycling, leaf, yard and waste disposal information to tips on reducing your energy consumption.

The services in this guide are only a few examples of the initiatives underway in Somerville aimed at improving the quality of life for our residents, and protecting our environment to create a more sustainable future. Beginning Spring 2010, the City is excited to implement a Single Stream Recycling Pilot Program in a targeted area of the City. Single Stream recycling is an easy and effective way of handling recyclable goods within your household, by removing the need to separate recyclable goods for curbside pickup.

I believe single stream recycling will help increase the City's recycling rate and reduce the amount of trash we throw out. Please look for more information on the City's website beginning this spring.

In addition, with assistance from the Federal Department of Energy, Somerville is excited to launch the Somerville Residential Energy Efficiency Program, to be launched in the fall of 2010. This program will offer technical assistance and services to Somerville residents which will improve a household's energy performance by reducing your heating and electricity bills (and, consequently, saving money!).

Thank you for taking the time to review the 2010 Somerville Environmental Guide. With your help, we will improve our environment and create a more sustainable future for ourselves and our children.

Sincerely,



Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

Yardwaste Pickup Schedule 2010

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- Yard waste will be picked up curbside on your regular trash pickup days **for the highlighted weeks above.**
- Yard waste must be kept in paper bags or barrels marked with "yard waste only" stickers. These stickers are available FREE of charge from DPW customer service and Constituent Services—311 at City Hall.
- Yard waste may also be dropped off at the DPW yard, Monday– Friday, 8:00AM–4:00PM, year round. PLASTIC BAGS will NOT be accepted. Bushes and tree limbs must be cut and tied in bundles that are not more than 3 feet in length for both pick up and drop-off.

Highlighted bold Saturdays represent Household hazardous waste (HHW) days at 1 Franey Road, DPW Yard between 9:00 Am – 12 Noon. (This service is available only during above referred designated days and HHW can not be accepted any other day).

- City residents only with a utility bill or driver's license showing address in Somerville. No businesses or rental property owners.
- Accepted material at HHW days: *paints, thinners, cleaners, motor oil, antifreeze, mercury thermometers, car batteries, compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs and rechargeable batteries.*
- PLASTIC /TRASH BAGS ARE NOT ALLOWED DUE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A SPILL

Televisions or computer monitors will be picked up on curbside. Pick up must be scheduled by calling 311. (For residents only)

The Following Environmental Services available with proof of residency at DPW during normal business hours (Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM): All payments must be made by Check or Money Order only.

No charge Recycling Bins: One per household

65 Gallons Recycling Carts: Suitable for businesses or multifamily houses available at \$60 per cart

\$25 White Good Sticker for refrigerators, dishwashers, washing machines, dryers, cooking ovens, air conditioners, and hot water heaters

Compost Bin ("Earth Machine") for backyard composting of yard waste available at \$40.00

Rain Barrel event will be held on May 8th 2010 outside DPW yard on Franey Road. You will need to order a rain barrel from www.nerainbarrel.com in advance. More information will be posted on the website www.somervillema.gov.

Holiday Schedule - Trash/Recycling Pickup delayed by one day:

Apr 19, May 31, Jul 5, Sept 6, Oct 11, Nov 11, Nov 25 for 2010 and Jan 17, Feb 21 for 2011